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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003, issued in connection with the above-identified Application, which is now due for response on June 30, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I. Claims 1-23, drawn to a method of immunizing a host against heterologous HIV-1 through the administration of a modified HIV-1 Env
- Group II. Claims 24-28, drawn to a method of determining whether a compound is capable of generating neutralizing antibodies in a host by depleting said host of CD8+ T lymphocytes and measuring said antibodies